

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of allocating recording space on a recording medium for recording an entry of predetermined length, the recording medium having an associated ~~displayed~~ directory listing blocks specifying free space and previously

recorded entries, the method comprising the steps:

receiving a start position on the recording medium;

~~displaying the directory; and~~

determining, with the aid of the displayed directory, consecutive blocks of said listed blocks necessary for recording at least the entry of predetermined length, starting from the start position; ~~and~~

~~displaying the directory,~~

characterized in that the method further comprises the step:

indicating the determined consecutive blocks necessary for

recording at least the entry of predetermined length in the displayed directory.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, in which the start position is determined by a search algorithm.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, in which the start position is determined in that start position input is received from a user.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, in which the displayed directory is displayed in a text-only format.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, in which the determined consecutive blocks are displayed so as to be discernable from the rest of the displayed directory.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 5, in which the determined consecutive blocks are indicated by displaying a frame around the determined consecutive blocks, highlighting or underlining the determined consecutive blocks, or by a color, font, character size or typography different from the other directory blocks.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, in which the predetermined length corresponds to an amount of recording time.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, in which the predetermined length corresponds to an amount of data.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, in which the method further comprises the steps:

calculating the difference between an overall length of the determined consecutive blocks and the predetermined length; and

5 displaying the difference.

10. (Previously Presented) A module for allocating recording space on a recording medium for recording an entry of predetermined length, the module comprising:

memory means for storing a directory associated with the  
5 recording medium;

means for displaying said directory, said displayed directory listing blocks specifying free space and previously recorded entries; and

processing means connected to the memory means for  
10 receiving a start position on the recording medium, and for determining consecutive blocks of the listed blocks necessary for recording at least the entry of predetermined length, starting from the start position,  
characterized in that the processing means indicates the determined  
15 consecutive blocks necessary for recording at least the entry of predetermined length in the displayed directory.

11. (Previously Presented) The module as claimed in claim 10, in which the processing means determines the start position by a search algorithm.

12. (Previously Presented) The module as claimed in claim 10, in which the processing means receives the start position input from a user.

13. (Previously Presented) The module as claimed in claim 10, in which the processing means displays the directory in a text-only format.

14. (Previously Presented) The module as claimed in claim 10, in which the processing means displays the determined consecutive blocks so as to be discernable from the rest of the displayed directory.

15. (Previously Presented) The module as claimed in claim 14, in which the processing means further indicates the determined consecutive blocks by displaying a frame around the determined consecutive blocks, highlighting or underlining the determined  
5 consecutive blocks, or by a color, font, character size or typography different from the other directory blocks.

16. (Previously Presented) The module as claimed in claim 10, in which the processing means further calculates a difference between an overall length of the determined consecutive blocks and the predetermined length, and to display the difference.

17. (Previously Presented) A video recorder system including the module as claimed in claim 10.

18. (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising data and instructions to be loaded into a computer, thereby enabling the computer to carry out the method as claimed in claim 1.

19. (Previously Presented) A data carrier provided with the computer program product as claimed in claim 18.